Schedule of School Events

- 29 August – assembly rm11 & 12
- 3 Sept – indigenous literacy day
- 9 Sept – Junkadelic workshop 2
- 12 Sept – assembly rm 4 & 3
- 12 Sept – P&C breakfast in the quad for everyone 7.15am-8.30am
- 17 Sept – field events on oval 9.00am – 11.30am
- 19 Sept – school athletics carnival at school all day PP-7
- 26 Sept – assembly rm 2 & 9
- 26 Sept – break up
- 13 & 14 Oct – PD days (student free)
- 15 Oct WEDNESDAY – students resume
- 16 Oct – Constable Care here
- 21 Oct – Junkadelic workshop 3
- 24 Oct – assembly rm 13 & 10
- 27 Oct – swimming lessons start
- 30 Oct – JCCA orientation day
- 5 Nov – kindy 2015 info session 9.30am
- 7 Nov – assembly rm 12 & 11
- 11 Dec – graduation yr 6/7 @ Tompkins on Swan

From the Principal

Lots of things are happening at school at the moment.

Junkadelic Workshops and Parade
We had the first Junkadelic workshop for students yesterday. There are four more planned. Students are making instruments out of junk and those that want to will be able to join the Richmond parade at the Fremantle Festival on Sunday 9 November. We received a large grant ($2000) from the Fremantle Council to engage percussion artists Junkadelic to collaborate with students, so parents have only been asked to contribute $8 for materials for the series of workshops. Thanks to those who have already paid.

Athletics
Students have started athletics training in readiness for our carnival on 17 and 19 September. We need some parent volunteers please to help in the jump pits from 9.00am-11.00am on 17 September (raking sand and measuring). Please call the office if you can help.

P&C Breakfast in the Quad
Another new initiative to get the Richmond community together from our enthusiastic and very hard working P&C – a before school breakfast in the quad. They have hired a coffee van and will be selling egg and bacon rolls from the bbq and home-made banana bread. Posters will go up soon but please come along from 7.15am on Friday 12 September to eat breakfast together. We hope that a few working parents may be able to make it in before their commute.

The P&C need a few volunteers for this event (you don’t need to be on the P&C to help)... please call the office to volunteer.

- 1 person on money for the coffee van
- 3 people on BBQs
- 1-2 people taking money and serving rolls
- 1-2 people on hot chocolate
- 1 person to buy everything

STUDENT ABSENCES
Please SMS absences to the school stating: Child’s full name, room, absence date, reason
SMS: 0417 973 697
Please do not try to call this number and only use it to notify of absences. THANKS

PTO…. 
**From the Principal**

**Contributions and Charges**
Many, many thanks to families who have paid their school contributions this year. We are fortunate at Richmond to be able to buy quite a lot of extra classroom resources from what parents contribute. So far our collection rates from 422 students are:

*School Voluntary Contributions:*
372 students have paid (88%)
250 out of 280 families have paid! Thanks for your support.

*P&C Contributions:*
350 students have paid (83%)

**Kindy and PP 2015**
Applications have been processed and letters have gone home. We have been able to accept all kindy applications at this stage but have a waiting list for out of area pre-primary applications.

**Operation Christmas Child**
So far students have donated 93 shoe boxes of Christmas gifts for children less fortunate than themselves. This is a really worthwhile project for students, encouraging them to think of others, and I thank those parents who have helped their children to take part. Shoeboxes and instructions are in the office. We need them all back by the end of term, thanks.

**Cake Stalls**
Thanks to everyone who contributes to assembly cake stalls. Just a reminder to try to keep the items relatively healthy. I’d prefer cakes and slices etc to large lolly bags if possible as some students are very tempted by large bags of lollies and it’s not great for them to be grazing on lollies all day. Thanks.

**Friendships workshops by Anglicare**
The year 4 girls are finishing their series of four friendship workshops. The next group (from whom we had the most interest) will be year 5 boys. We were planning to run with year 3 girls but have more need in year 5 at this stage.

Lisa Dentith

**SIMS: Instrumental Music 2015**
The School of Instrumental Music aptitude assessments are being conducted by Mrs Bertolini for year 2 to year 4. All students will be tested. This is a listening test that requires the students to discern rhythmic and melodic sounds.

Each week during music students have been playing games to improve active listening skills and ability to discern sound and to gain experience in this type of assessment.

Students who achieve well will be nominated to SIMS teachers whose instrumental teachers will select students according to the instruments most suited to students; physical capabilities and school feedback. Students must be academically able enough to make up the classroom time they miss each week.

Parents will be asked whether they would like their child to take up the instrument offered taking into strong consideration their ability to practice each day. Parents will be invited to attend a SIMS meeting to discuss the requirements.

Final offers are made by SIMS through the school late in term 4.

If your child is accepted into the SIMS programme they are eligible to continue into a government high school place in year 8.

We are very lucky to be able to offer such a wonderful variety of instruments

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Currently we have 62 students learning a SIMS instrument across the school from year 3 to 7, which is a third of our students

Moyanne Bertolini & David Carder
**Gardening Club**
Just a reminder that the Gardening Club is on every Friday lunchtime.

If any parents would like to come along and help, you would be warmly welcomed. Just turn up if you can spare some time on a Friday between 12.10 and 1.00pm. The children love planting, harvesting and cooking on a Friday.

If you are ever able to help with watering the gardens before or after school or on a weekend/holiday we would also be grateful. There are hoses in the garden area. The gardens are always hand watered and this is one of our most time consuming jobs.

*Meredith Fonti, Rebecca James and Lee Maloney*

**2015 in the Education Department**
Next year is looking like a massive year for schools. Some of the main things are:

- The half cohort will have graduated so secondary schools will be back to full cohorts
- Year 7s will be at secondary school
- Schools will be implementing the National Curriculum in English, Maths, Science and History.
- Schools will be given a one line budget for the first time
- WACE will change
- Primary schools will lose students, secondaries will gain, with implications for staffing.
- Some primary teachers have been trained to move to secondary schools.
- School funding model will change to a student based model.

**Book Week**
Thanks to all the families who donated a book to our library for Book Week! Please see the list below…and Many thanks to parent Hayley Kirk for reading stories to students and for helping to coordinate the week.

- Lisewski Family
- Rowan and Connor Smith
- Sargent Family
- Lyon Family
- Marciano Family
- Jinman Family
- Kelly Family
- Monson Family
- Goodard Family
- Burling Family
- Edmonds Family
- Prophet Family
- Cattalini Family
- Ella, Kai and Cooper Kelly
- Joe and Ava Fonti
- Wade Family
- Kirk Family
- Memphys, Tallulah, Indhi and Sadie Kirk
- Lee and Ryan Halley
- Spencer Family
- Oscar Males
- Jack and Sophie Eastaug
- Lucas Downs
- Luke Stone
- Grace Wallis
- Petzke Family

**Parent Forum on High School Options**

**Getting this Newsletter**
New families please note this newsletter is only distributed by email.

To register for the distribution list please email us on Richmond.PS@education.wa.edu.au

**Media reports yesterday said that kindy hours will remain at 2.5 days a week for 2015, so we keep our Wednesdays – good news.**
Hi everyone, here’s a bit of what is happening in the P&C... I’m sure all those who attended our first quiz night in recent years agree that it was a great night. Not only was it fun just over $6000 was raised for the school. Well done Yvette for organising a great night - no doubt there will be another one in 2015.

Also, a big thanks to Milly and all those who purchased Entertainment Books this year. $858 was raised for the school through these books and digital entertainment copies. These digital versions have proved very popular and easy to use. They can still be purchased by going to https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/8329a7

Nominations to reward excellent efforts by school staff have just closed but if you would like to encourage a school staff member then go to www.education.wa.edu.au and search for Merit Certificates. These can be printed off and given to Lisa to present to staff.

Thanks for those who filled in the road wise survey. We are currently processing the results of the 100 surveys with a view to making it safer for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians coming to and leaving school. If you see and ‘incidents’ around the school please complete a ‘Roadwise Incident Report’ found in the office. Thanks Kirsten and Beth for all your work here

Our 5c fundraiser has got us half way to an ipad. Keep the 5 cent coins coming and feel free to throw bigger change into the pot in the office.

The next P&C social event is for the whole family and will be a ‘School Brekky’ before school on September 12. Come for some food and drink and then stay on for the footy assembly.

Tem 4 will feature the Dads and Kids Sports Day November 9, Christmas food drive for Foodbank and a Giant After School Play.

Phil Beeck
P&C President

Indigenous Literacy Day
We will celebrate this next Wednesday 3 September.

We will create a magnificent wall in the library stating "HANDS UP..." for Indigenous Literacy and each student will be invited to put their name and hand on this wall display to show their support. We hope to have some guest readers who will read stories to students and the day will be a mufti/free dress day for which students are requested to bring a gold coin to donate to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Susan Catalano and Hayley Kirk

Recent PPP course participants
The next catch up coffee morning is on Friday 5/9/14 at 9.30am at Zephyr cafe, East Fremantle

School Chaplaincy Programme
The National School Chaplaincy programme looks like continuing in 2015 with the following conditions:

- Participation by schools and students is voluntary;
- All schools in a jurisdiction will be invited to apply for funding for a school chaplain;
- Chaplains may be from any faith;
- Chaplains are not permitted to proselytise and must respect, accept and be sensitive to other people’s views, values and beliefs; and
- Chaplains must comply with State and Territory laws and policies in relation to child protection matters and meet minimum qualification requirements
- Participating schools will be eligible to receive up to $20,000 in financial assistance per annum

The key change to the programme following the High Court decision is an administrative one – the National School Chaplaincy Programme will be funded by the Commonwealth but delivered by the States and Territories.

The Richmond School Council has agreed to apply to continue our programme. If parents would like to give feedback please send comments to the school now.
**Wanted: Landscape Designer**

Over the last few months we have been investigating options for the large space left from the removal of the demountable. A nature play area where children can explore open ended experiences and engage in imaginative play has been deemed as the best option for the site, this will be integrated with the much adored kitchen garden.

We have involved all the children at the school in a consultation to determine how they would like to play in the space. There were some wonderfully creative suggestions, drawings and models that we have collected and collated. We have done extensive research into the values of natural play, attended nature playground planning workshops and visited other sites for ideas. We have some funding pledged from the P&C and would now like to get started.

So we have a concept plan but what we need to get everything off to a great start is someone who can help us draw a professional PLAN for the space so that we can start from the best possible base. Does anyone in the school community have the skills to do this for us, a landscape gardener, an architect, a builder, a draftsperson? We could possibly pay for this if it is within our budget. After we have a proper plan drawn up, there will be lots of opportunities to get involved with call outs for materials, professional services, labour and helping out on busy bees.

If you would like to know more about this project, be involved or you can help us with a plan, then please contact the Grounds Committee on one of these emails sara.millenbach@wcit.wa.edu.au or beck.james@bigpond.com

Thank you

*Meredith, Beck, Lee and Sara*
*RPS Grounds Committee*

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**Little Big Shots**

Australia’s premier film festival for kids, is coming to Fremantle Arts Centre! An inspiring, hand-picked selection of leading international and Australian kids films, includes short animations and live action films for all ages which will be screened outdoors in FAC’s idyllic Inner Courtyard. Book your session now as this is sure to be the hottest ticket in Freo next school holidays. *Tues 7 - Thurs 9 Oct | Fremantle Arts Centre | Sessions 9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am | Tickets $10 per session via fac.oztix.com.au*

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**Bruce Robinson Fathering Project Event**

8th Sept
@ East Freo Footy Club


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